### Data-Driven Control Based on Behavioral Systems Theory



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### Thoughts on data in control systems

increasing role of *data-centric methods* in science / engineering / industry due to

- methodological advances in statistics, optimization, & machine learning (ML)
- unprecedented availability of *brute force*: deluge of data & computational power
- ... and frenzy surrounding big data & ML

Make up your own opinion, but ML works too well to be ignored – also in control ?!?

"One of the major developments in control over the past decade – & one of the most important moving forward – is the interaction of ML & control systems." [CSS roadmap]





### Scientific landscape

*long & rich history* (auto-tuning, system identification, adaptive control, RL, ...) & vast & fragmented research landscape

 $\longrightarrow$  useful direct / indirect classification

#### direct data-driven control

minimize control cost (u, y)subject to trajectory (u, y) compatible with data  $(u^d, y^d)$ 

#### indirect (model-based) data-driven control

model-based design {	minimize	control cost $(u, y)$
	subject to	trajectory $(u,y)$ compatible with the model
system identification {	where	$model \in argmin \; fitting \; criterion \; ig(u^d, y^dig)$
		subject to model belongs to certain class

### Indirect

VS.

- models are useful for design & beyond
- modular → easy to debug & interpret
- id = projection on model class
- id = noise filtering
- harder to propagate uncertainty through id
- no (robust) separation principle → suboptimal



### direct

- some models are too complex to be useful
- end-to-end → suitable for non-experts
- harder to inject side info but no bias error
  - noise handled in design
  - transparent: no unmodeled dynamics
- possibly optimal but often less tractable

lots of pros, cons, counterexamples, & no universal conclusions [discussion]

### Today's menu

- 1. {behavioral systems} ∩ {subspace ID}: *fundamental lemma*
- 2. potent direct method: data-enabled predictive control DeePC
- 3. salient regularizations for robustification & inject side info
- 4. case studies from robotics & energy domain + tomatoes ©

#### blooming literature (2-3 ArXiv/week)

 $\rightarrow$  tutorial <code>[link]</code> to get started

- [link] to graduate school material
- [link] to survey
- [link] to related bachelor lecture
- [link] to related publications

#### DATA-DRIVEN CONTROL BASED ON BEHAVIORAL APPROACH: FROM THEORY TO APPLICATIONS IN POWER SYSTEMS

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### Behavioral view on dynamical systems

Definition: A discrete-time dynamical			
<i>system</i> is a 3-tuple $(\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \mathbb{W}, \mathscr{B})$ where			

(i)  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  is the discrete-time axis,

(ii)  $\mathbb{W}$  is the signal space, &

(iii)  $\mathscr{B} \subseteq \mathbb{W}^{\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$  is the *behavior*.

*B* is the set of all trajectories

**Definition:** The dynamical system  $(\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \mathbb{W}, \mathscr{B})$  is

- (i) *linear* if  $\mathbb{W}$  is a vector space &  $\mathscr{B}$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{W}^{\mathbb{Z} \ge 0}$
- (ii) & *time-invariant* if  $\mathscr{B} \subseteq \sigma \mathscr{B}$ , where  $\sigma w_t = w_{t+1}$ .

LTI system = shift-invariant subspace of trajectory space

→ abstract perspective suited for *data-driven control* 





### LTI systems & matrix time series

foundation of subspace system identification & signal recovery algorithms





### (u(t), y(t)) satisfy LTI difference equation

$$b_0u_t+b_1u_{t+1}+\ldots+b_nu_{t+n}+$$

 $a_0 \mathbf{y}_t + a_1 \mathbf{y}_{t+1} + \ldots + a_n \mathbf{y}_{t+n} = 0$ 

(ARX/kernel representation)



 $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & b_0 & a_0 & b_1 & a_1 & \dots & b_n & a_n & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  in left nullspace of *trajectory matrix* (collected data)

$$\mathscr{H}\begin{pmatrix} u^{d} \\ y^{d} \\ y^{d} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u^{d}_{1,1} \\ y^{d}_{1,1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u^{d}_{1,2} \\ y^{d}_{1,2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u^{d}_{1,3} \\ y^{d}_{1,3} \end{pmatrix} \cdots \\ \begin{pmatrix} u^{d}_{2,1} \\ y^{d}_{2,1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u^{d}_{2,2} \\ y^{d}_{2,2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u^{d}_{2,3} \\ y^{d}_{2,3} \end{pmatrix} \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \begin{pmatrix} u^{d}_{T,1} \\ y^{d}_{T,1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u^{d}_{T,2} \\ y^{d}_{T,2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u^{d}_{T,3} \\ y^{d}_{T,3} \end{pmatrix} \cdots \end{bmatrix}$$
1st experiment 2nd 3rd ... 8/25

### Fundamental Lemma



if and only if the trajectory matrix has rank  $m \cdot T + n$  for all  $T \ge \ell$ 

set of all *T*-length trajectories =  

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} (u, y) \in \mathbb{R}^{(m+p)T} : \exists x \in \mathbb{R}^{nT} \text{ s.t.} \\ x^{+} = Ax + Bu, y = Cx + Du \end{array} \right\}$$
colspan
$$\begin{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{1,1}^{u} \\ y_{1,1}^{u} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{1,2}^{u} \\ y_{2,1}^{u} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{1,3}^{u} \\ y_{2,1}^{u} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{2,3}^{u} \\ y_{2,3}^{u} \end{pmatrix} \dots$$

all trajectories constructible from finitely many previous trajectories

 standing on the shoulders of giants: classic Willems' result was only "if" & required further assumptions: Hankel, persistency of excitation, controllability



- terminology *fundamental* is justified: motion primitives, subspace SysID, dictionary learning, (E)DMD, ... all implicitly rely on this equivalence
- many recent *extensions* to other *system classes* (bi-linear, descriptor, LPV, delay, Volterra series, Wiener-Hammerstein, ...), other *matrix data structures* (mosaic Hankel, Page, ...), & other *proof methods*

### Bird's view: SysID & today's path



### Output Model Predictive Control (MPC)

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underset{u, x, y}{\operatorname{minimize}} & \sum_{k=1}^{T_{\operatorname{tuture}}} \left\| y_k - r_k \right\|_Q^2 + \left\| u_k \right\|_R^2 \\ \text{subject to} & x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k \\ y_k = Cx_k + Du_k \end{array} \right\} \quad \forall k \in \{1, \dots, T_{\operatorname{future}}\} \\ & x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k \\ y_k = Cx_k + Du_k \end{array} \right\} \quad \forall k \in \{-T_{\operatorname{ini}} - 1, \dots, 0\} \\ & u_k \in \mathcal{U} \\ & y_k \in \mathcal{Y} \end{array} \} \quad \forall k \in \{1, \dots, T_{\operatorname{future}}\}$$

quadratic cost with  $R \succ 0, Q \succeq 0$  & ref. r

**model** for **prediction** with  $k \in [1, T_{\text{future}}]$ 

**model** for **estimation** with  $k \in [-T_{ini} - 1, 0]$  &  $T_{ini} \ge lag$  (many flavors)

hard operational or safety **constraints** 

"[MPC] has perhaps too little system theory and too much **brute force** [...], but MPC is an area where all aspects of the field [...] are in synergy." – Willems '07



Elegance aside, for an LTI plant, deterministic, & with known model, MPC is the *gold standard of control*.

### Data-enabled Predictive Control (DeePC)

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underset{g, u, y}{\operatorname{minimize}} & \sum_{k=1}^{T_{\operatorname{tuture}}} \left\| y_k - r_k \right\|_Q^2 + \left\| u_k \right\|_R^2 \\ \text{subject to} & \mathscr{H} \left( \begin{smallmatrix} u^{\mathsf{d}} \\ y^{\mathsf{d}} \end{smallmatrix} \right) \cdot g \, = \, \left[ \begin{matrix} u_{\operatorname{ini}} \\ \hline y_{\operatorname{ini}} \\ \hline u \\ y \end{matrix} \right] \\ & u_k \in \mathcal{U} \\ & y_k \in \mathcal{Y} \end{array} \right\} \quad \forall k \in \{1, \dots, T_{\operatorname{future}}\} \end{array}$$

**quadratic cost** with  $R \succ 0, Q \succeq 0$  & ref. r

non-parametric model for prediction and estimation

hard operational or safety **constraints** 

- real-time measurements  $(u_{ini}, y_{ini})$  for estimation
- trajectory matrix  $\mathscr{H} \begin{pmatrix} u^{\mathsf{d}} \\ y^{\mathsf{d}} \end{pmatrix}$  from past experimental data

updated online

collected offline (could be adapted online)

→ equivalent to MPC in deterministic LTI case ...
but needs to be robustified in case of noise / nonlinearity !
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### Regularizations make it work

$$\begin{array}{l} \underset{g,u,y,\sigma}{\operatorname{minimize}} & \sum_{k=1}^{T_{\operatorname{iuture}}} \|y_k - r_k\|_Q^2 + \|u_k\|_R^2 + \lambda_y \|\sigma\|_p + \lambda_g h(g) \xrightarrow{\rightarrow} \\ \Rightarrow \\ \text{subject to} & \mathscr{H} \begin{pmatrix} u^{\mathsf{d}} \\ y^{\mathsf{d}} \end{pmatrix} \cdot g = \begin{bmatrix} u_{\operatorname{ini}} \\ \frac{y_{\operatorname{ini}}}{u} \\ y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \sigma \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \\ \xrightarrow{\rightarrow} \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \\ \underset{g}{\operatorname{no}} \\ (\text{off} \\ \xrightarrow{\rightarrow} \\ y_k \in \mathcal{Y} \end{bmatrix} \quad \forall k \in \{1, \dots, T_{\operatorname{future}}\} \qquad \begin{array}{c} \\ \Rightarrow \\ \xrightarrow{\rightarrow} \end{array}$$

#### measurement noise

- ightarrow infeasible  $y_{
  m ini}$  estimate ightarrow estimation slack  $\sigma$
- → moving-horizon least-square filter

noisy or nonlinear (offline) data matrix  $\rightarrow$  any  $\binom{u}{y}$  feasible  $\rightarrow$  add regularizer h(g)

**Bayesian intuition**: regularization  $\Leftrightarrow$  prior, e.g.,  $h(g) = ||g||_1$  sparsely selects {trajectory matrix columns}  $\sim$  low-order basis  $\sim$  low-rank surrogate

**Robustness intuition**: regularization  $\Leftrightarrow$  robustifies, e.g., in a simple case  $\min_{x} \max_{\|\Delta\| \le \rho} \|(A + \Delta)x - b\| \le \min_{x} \max_{\|\Delta\| \le \rho} \|Ax - b\| + \|\Delta x\| = \min_{x} \|Ax - b\| + \rho \|x\|$ 

### regularization t incorporating priors + implicit SysID

# Regularization = relaxing low-rank approximation in pre-processing

 $\operatorname{minimize}_{u,y,g}$ 

subject to

where

$$\begin{bmatrix} u \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \mathscr{H} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{y} \end{pmatrix} g$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{y} \end{pmatrix} \in \operatorname{argmin} \left\| \begin{pmatrix} \hat{u} \\ \hat{y} \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} u^{c} \\ y^{c} \end{pmatrix} \right\|_{Y}$$

 $\operatorname{control} \operatorname{cost}(u, y)$ 

subject to rank  $\left( \mathscr{H} \left( \stackrel{\hat{u}}{\hat{y}} \right) \right) = mL + n$ 

optimal control

#### low-rank approximation

#### $\downarrow$ sequence of convex relaxations $\downarrow$

minimize\_{u,y,g} control cost $(u, y) + \lambda_g \cdot ||g||_1$ subject to  $\begin{bmatrix} u \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \mathscr{H} \begin{pmatrix} u^d \\ y^d \end{pmatrix} g$ 

 $\ell_1$ -regularization = relaxation of low-rank approximation & smoothened order selection



### Regularization ⇔ reformulate subspace ID

partition data as in subspace ID:

$$\mathscr{H} \begin{pmatrix} u^{\mathsf{d}} \\ y^{\mathsf{d}} \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{bmatrix} U_{\mathsf{p}} \\ Y_{\mathsf{p}} \\ U_{\mathsf{f}} \\ Y_{\mathsf{f}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{cases} (m+p)T_{\mathsf{ini}} \\ (m+p)T_{\mathsf{future}} \end{cases}$$

ID of optimal multi-step predictor as in SPC:  $K^{\star} = Y_F \begin{bmatrix} U_p \\ Y_p \\ U_f \end{bmatrix}^{\dagger}$ 

#### $\rightarrow$ *indirect SysID* + *control* problem

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underset{u,y}{\operatorname{minimize}} & \operatorname{control} \operatorname{cost}(u,y) \\ \operatorname{subject to} & y = K^{\star} \begin{bmatrix} u_{\mathsf{ini}} \\ y_{\mathsf{ini}} \\ u \end{bmatrix} \\ \operatorname{where} & K^{\star} = \underset{K}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left\| Y_F - K \begin{bmatrix} U_{\mathsf{p}} \\ Y_{\mathsf{p}} \\ U_{\mathsf{f}} \end{bmatrix} \right\| \end{array}$$

The above is *equivalent* to regularized DeePC where  $\operatorname{Proj}\begin{pmatrix} u^{d} \\ y^{d} \end{pmatrix}$  projects orthogonal to  $\ker \begin{bmatrix} U_{p} \\ Y_{p} \\ U_{f} \end{bmatrix}$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} \underset{g,u,y}{\operatorname{minimize}} \quad \operatorname{control} \operatorname{cost}(u,y) + \lambda_g \left\| \operatorname{Proj} \begin{pmatrix} u^{\mathsf{d}} \\ y^{\mathsf{d}} \end{pmatrix} g \right\|_p \\ \\ \operatorname{subject to} \quad \mathscr{H} \begin{pmatrix} u^{\mathsf{d}} \\ y^{\mathsf{d}} \end{pmatrix} \cdot g \ = \ \begin{bmatrix} u_{\mathsf{ini}} \\ y_{\mathsf{ini}} \\ u \\ y \end{bmatrix} \right]_{1625}$ 

## Regularizations applied to stochastic LTI system & hyper-parameter selection



### Case study: wind turbine



- turbine & grid model unknown to commissioning engineer & operator
- detailed *industrial model*: 37 states & highly nonlinear (abc ↔ dq, MPTT, PLL, power specs, dynamics, etc.)
- weak grid  $\rightarrow$  *oscillations* + *sync loss*
- disturbance to be rejected by *DeePC*



### Case study +++ : wind farm



- high-fidelity models for turbines, machines, & IEEE-9-bus system
- fast frequency response via decentralized DeePC at turbines



### Towards a theory for nonlinear systems

*naive idea* : lift nonlinear system to large/ $\infty$ -dim. bi-/linear system  $\rightarrow$  Carleman, Volterra, Fliess, Koopman, Sturm-Liouville methods

ightarrow nonlinear dynamics can be approximated by LTI on finite horizon

regularization singles out relevant features / basis functions in data



### Works very well across case studies



quad coptor fig-8 tracking



guadruped (by Fawcett, Afsari Amers, & Harned)



greenhouse automation (by Automatoes)



combined cycle power plant (by P Mahdavipour et. al)



robotic excavator



pendulum swing up



traffic coordination (by J. Wang et al.)



battery charging (by K. Chen et al.)



wind turbine control



## regularization

 $\uparrow$ 

### robustification

### Distributional robustification beyond LTI

- problem abstraction:  $\min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} c(\hat{\xi}, x) = \min_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \mathbb{E}_{\xi \sim \widehat{\mathbb{P}}}[c(\xi, x)]$ where  $\hat{\xi}$  denotes measured data with empirical distribution  $\widehat{\mathbb{P}} = \delta_{\widehat{\xi}}$
- $\Rightarrow poor out-of-sample performance of above sample-average solution x^* for real problem: \mathbb{E}_{\xi \sim \mathbb{P}}[c(\xi, x^*)] \text{ where } \mathbb{P} \text{ is the unknown distribution of } \xi$

$$\inf_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sup_{\mathbb{Q} \in \mathbb{B}_{\epsilon}(\widehat{\mathbb{P}})} \mathbb{E}_{\xi \sim \mathbb{Q}} \left[ c\left(\xi, x\right) \right]$$

where  $\mathbb{B}_{\epsilon}(\widehat{\mathbb{P}})$  is an  $\epsilon$ -Wasserstein ball centered at empirical sample distribution  $\widehat{\mathbb{P}}$ :

$$\mathbb{B}_{\epsilon}(\widehat{\mathbb{P}}) = \left\{ \mathbb{P} \, : \, \inf_{\Pi} \int \left\| \xi - \widehat{\xi} \, \right\|_{p} \, d\Pi \, \leq \, \epsilon \right\}$$



#### distributionally robustness = regularization : under minor conditions



- similar for distributionally robust constraints
- *measure concentration*: average N i.i.d. data sets &  $\epsilon \sim 1/N^{1/\dim(\xi)}$  $\implies \mathbb{P} \in \mathbb{B}_{\epsilon}(\widehat{\mathbb{P}})$  with high confidence
- more structured uncertainty sets: tractable reformulations (relaxations) & performance guarantees



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white elephant: how does DeePC

perform against SysID + control ?

surprise: **DeePC consistently beats** (certainty-equivalence) **identification & control** of LTI models across all real case studies !

### why ?!?

### Comparison: direct vs. indirect control

#### indirect ID-based data-driven control

minimize control cost (u, y)

subject to (u, y) satisfy parametric model

where model  $\in$  argmin id cost  $(u^d, y^d)$ subject to model  $\in$  LTI $(n, \ell)$  class

### ID projects data on LTI class to learn predictor

- with parameters  $(n, \ell)$
- removes noise & thus lowers variance error
- suffers bias error if plant is not in LTI(n, ℓ)

#### direct regularized data-driven control

minimize control cost (u, y) +  $\lambda$ · regularizer subject to (u, y) consistent with  $(u^d, y^d)$  data • no de-noising & no bias

- regularization robustifies prediction (not predictor)
- trade-off ID & control costs

*take-away*: ID wins when model class is known, noise is well behaved, & control task doesn't bias ID. Otherwise, *DeePC can beat ID*...it often does!

### Conclusions

#### main take-aways

- matrix time series as predictive model
- robustness & side-info by regularization
- method that works in theory & practice
- focus is robust prediction not predictor ID

#### ongoing work

- ightarrow certificates for adaptive & nonlinear cases
- → applications with a true "business case", push TRL scale, & industry collaborations

#### questions we should discuss

- catch? violate no-free-lunch theorem ?  $\rightarrow$  more real-time computation
- DeePC = subspace ID + robustification ? → more accessible & flexible
- when does direct beat indirect ? ightarrow Id4Control & bias/variance issues ?  $_{
  m 25/25}$



### Thanks!

